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PRESS RELEASE

Mandatory Cardboard Recycling Now in Effect for Commercial Haulers

Kamloops, BC – September 1, 2022 – Earlier this year, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) implemented a bylaw to reduce the amount of recyclable cardboard currently being landfilled, and enforcement is now in effect for large commercial and municipal haulers.

As of September 1, 2022, under Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw No. 2743, a fine may be issued when a commercial or municipal load of refuse contains more than 10% corrugated cardboard, based on volume.

Enforcement will focus on large commercial and municipal loads, and fines may only be issued by TNRD staff and bylaw officers. Disposal facility staff, including scale attendants, will not have the authority to issue fines.

“The intention of this bylaw is to reduce the amount of material that is being landfilled that can easily be recycled. Similar bylaws are in place in many parts of B.C.,” said Adriana Mailloux, TNRD Manager of Solid Waste & Recycling. “We encourage customers to work with their waste haulers and our staff to reduce or eliminate recyclables from their garbage.”

Before drafting this bylaw, TNRD staff conducted engagement meetings in 2021 to hear directly from stakeholders who would be most impacted. This year, staff have continued to provide education about this bylaw to customers in the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. Between June and August 2022, the TNRD also introduced mock ticketing for loads of refuse containing more than 10% corrugated cardboard.

This bylaw allows for other commonly-recycled items to be added to the list of mandatory recyclable materials; however, cardboard is currently the only material that this bylaw applies to.

For more information on Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw No. 2743 and to learn about recycling opportunities within the TNRD and order hauler resources, please visit www.tnrd.ca/mandatory-recycling, or call the TNRD at 1-877-377-8673.

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